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November Crop Production

North Dakota

Soybean production in North Dakota is forecast at a record high 146 million bushels, down 3 percent from the October forecast but up 26 percent from the 2009 crop, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Area to be harvested is estimated at a record high 4.05 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 36 bushels per harvested acre, down 1 bushel from October but up 6 bushels from last year.

Corn for grain production is estimated at 249 million bushels, down 2 percent from the October forecast but up 25 percent from last year. Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.82 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Corn for grain yields are expected to average 137 bushels per harvested acre, down 3 bushels from the October forecast but up 22 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield.

Dry edible pea production is estimated at 8.22 million cwt (hundredweight), down 29 percent from last year's record high. Area to be harvested is estimated at 405,000 acres, down 16 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at 2,030 pounds per harvested acre, down 370 pounds from last year's record high.

Lentil production is forecast at a record high 3.89 million cwt, up 52 percent from last year's record high. Area for harvest is estimated at 254,000 acres, up from 164,000 acres in 2009. Average yield is estimated at 1,530 pounds per harvested acre, down 30 pounds from last year's record high.

Fall potato production is expected to be 22.3 million cwt, up 16 percent from 2009. Planted area, at 84,000 acres, is up 1,000 acres from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 81,000 acres, up 6,000 acres from last year. The average yield is forecast at 275 cwt per harvested acre, up 20 cwt from last year. This yield forecast is the second highest on record, behind 2008 when the yield was 280 cwt. Producers expect to sell 91.0 percent of the total production compared with 90.2 percent actually marketed last year and the 2005-2009 average of 89.8 percent.

Production forecasts in this report are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from a cross-section of North Dakota producers on or around November 1. This report is based on conditions at the time and assumes no extreme conditions during the remainder of the crop season.

United States

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.38 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast but up slightly from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 76.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 1 percent from 2009. Harvested area, if realized, will be the largest on record. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.9 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 0.1 bushel from last year's record high yield.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 81.3 million acres, unchanged from October but up 2 percent from the previous year. If realized, area harvested for grain will be the second largest on record since 1944, behind only the 86.5 million acres harvested in 2007. As of November 1, yields are expected to average 154.3 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from the previous month and 10.4 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels.

Dry edible pea production is forecast at 13.7 million cwt, down 20 percent from the 2009 estimate. Area for harvest, at 711,400 acres, is 15 percent below a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 1,921 pounds per acre, down 124 pounds from last season.

Lentil production is forecast at 8.75 million cwt, up 49 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 628,000 acres, up 54 percent from the previous year. Average yield is expected to be 1,393 pounds per acre, down 47 pounds per acre from 2009. If realized, these would be the largest planted, harvested, and production levels since records began in 1986.

Potato production in 2010 from all seasons is forecast at 399 million cwt, down 7 percent from 2009. Harvested area, at 1.01 million acres, is down 3 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 396 cwt per acre, down 18 cwt from the previous year record high yield of 414 cwt per acre.

Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and Forecasted November 1, 2010¹

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Barley ²	1,210	720	1,130	670	3,567	2,872	3,113	2,465
Corn for Grain ³	1,950	2,050	1,740	1,820	86,482	88,222	79,590	81,263
Corn for Silage			170				5,605	
Hay, All			2,960	2,700			59,755	59,656
Alfalfa			1,780	1,600			21,227	20,732
All Other			1,180	1,100			38,528	38,924
Oats ²	350	280	165	105	3,404	3,138	1,379	1,263
Rye ^{2,4}					1,241	1,211	252	265
Wheat, All ²	8,680	8,530	8,415	8,400	59,168	53,603	49,893	47,637
Winter ²	580	330	545	320	43,346	37,335	34,510	31,749
Durum ²	1,650	1,800	1,570	1,780	2,554	2,570	2,428	2,529
Spring ²	6,450	6,400	6,300	6,300	13,268	13,698	12,955	13,359
Canola	730	1,280	725	1,260	827.0	1,448.8	814.0	1,418.2
Flaxseed	295	390	293	385	317	410	314	405
Mustard Seed ⁴					51.5	52.0	49.8	49.1
Safflower ⁵		23.0		21.5	175.0	183.5	165.5	175.0
Soybeans	3,900	4,100	3,870	4,050	77,451	77,714	76,372	76,823
Sunflower, All	885	885	868	862	2,030.0	1,952.5	1,953.5	1,872.8
Oil	770	700	760	685	1,698.0	1,465.0	1,653.0	1,414.5
Non-oil	115	185	108	177	332.0	487.5	300.5	458.3
Sugarbeets	225	228	218	211	1,185.8	1,186.5	1,148.6	1,153.5
Dry Edible Beans, All	610	800	580	765	1,537.5	1,900.0	1,463.0	1,829.3
Dry Edible Peas	490	435	480	405	863.3	763.0	837.9	711.4
Lentils	165	265	164	254	415	655	407	628
Fall Potatoes, All	83	84	75	81	936.7	893.0	917.2	882.5

¹ Data are latest estimates available. ² Spring and Durum wheat, barley and oats revised based on September Ag Survey re-interview. Winter wheat and rye estimates carried forward from September Small Grains Summary. ³ Area planted for all purposes. ⁴ Published at U.S. level only. ⁵ Beginning in 2010, ND published individually.

Crop Summary: Yield and Production
North Dakota and United States, 2009 and Forecasted November 1, 2010¹

Crop	Unit	North Dakota					United States				
		Yield			Production		Yield			Production	
		2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
			Oct 1	Nov 1				Oct 1	Nov 1		
					<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Barley ²	<i>Bu</i>	70.0		65.0	79,100	43,550	73.0		73.1	227,323	180,268
Corn for Grain	<i>Bu</i>	115	140	137	200,100	249,340	164.7	155.8	154.3	13,110,062	12,539,646
Corn for Silage	<i>Tons</i>	12.0			2,040		19.3			108,209	
Hay, All ³	<i>Tons</i>	1.77	2.31	2.31	5,240	6,250	2.47	2.55	2.55	147,442	152,278
Alfalfa ³	<i>Tons</i>	1.85	2.60	2.60	3,293	4,160	3.35	3.44	3.44	71,030	71,326
All Other ³	<i>Tons</i>	1.65	1.90	1.90	1,947	2,090	1.98	2.08	2.08	76,412	80,952
Oats ²	<i>Bu</i>	68.0		61.0	11,220	6,405	67.5		64.3	93,081	81,190
Rye ^{2,4}	<i>Bu</i>						27.8		28.0	6,993	7,431
Wheat, All ²	<i>Bu</i>	44.8		43.0	377,190	361,550	44.5		46.4	2,218,061	2,208,391
Winter ²	<i>Bu</i>	48.0		55.0	26,160	17,600	44.2		46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236
Durum ²	<i>Bu</i>	39.0		37.5	61,230	66,750	44.9		42.4	109,042	107,180
Spring ²	<i>Bu</i>	46.0		44.0	289,800	277,200	45.1		46.1	584,411	615,975
Canola ³	<i>Lbs</i>	1,840	1,810	1,810	1,334,000	2,280,600	1,811	1,786	1,786	1,474,130	2,533,550
Flaxseed	<i>Bu</i>	24.0			7,032		23.6			7,423	
Mustard Seed ⁴	<i>Lbs</i>						991			49,364	
Safflower ⁵	<i>Lbs</i>						1,462			241,970	
Soybeans	<i>Bu</i>	30.0	37.0	36.0	116,100	145,800	44.0	44.4	43.9	3,359,011	3,375,067
Sunflower, All ³	<i>Lbs</i>	1,518	1,638	1,638	1,317,200	1,412,300	1,554	1,552	1,552	3,036,460	2,905,830
Oil	<i>Lbs</i>	1,520			1,155,200		1,563			2,584,010	
Non-oil	<i>Lbs</i>	1,500			162,000		1,506			452,450	
Sugarbeets	<i>Tons</i>	22.0	29.5	26.5	4,796	5,592	25.7	29.6	27.7	29,563	31,934
Dry Edible Beans, All ^{3,6}	<i>Cwt</i>	1,470	1,610	1,610	8,526	12,317	1,733	1,783	1,783	25,360	32,615
Dry Edible Peas ⁶	<i>Cwt</i>	2,400		2,030	11,520	8,222	2,045		1,921	17,137	13,668
Lentils ⁶	<i>Cwt</i>	1,560		1,530	2,558	3,886	1,440		1,393	5,859	8,749
Fall Potatoes, All	<i>Cwt</i>	255		275	19,125	22,275	429		410	393,544	361,392

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